

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

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Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 4-0 (In favor Council Members Burroughs, Blegay, Hunter, and Ivey)

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee met on January 22, 2026, to consider the appointment of Mr. Anthony Jones as the County Attorney.

Ms. LaJoia Cannon, Interim Appointment Liaison in the Office of the County Executive, introduced Mr. Anthony Jones and provided an overview of his professional and educational background. She highlighted that Mr. Jones brings decades of senior-level legal experience, including service as General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. In those roles, he advised executive leadership, oversaw complex federal grant programs exceeding \$450 million annually, ensured compliance with ethics, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and appropriation law, and served as a liaison to Congress, Government Accountability Office (GAO), and the Office of Government Ethics.

Mr. Jones shared that his commitment to public service and justice has guided his legal career, motivating his early work advocating for worker safety and labor rights, including roles with major labor organizations and the U.S. Department of Labor, where he enforced federal labor and workplace safety laws nationwide.

Dr. Rahul Gupta spoke in strong support of Mr. Jones, emphasizing that Mr. Jones is a rare combination of legal skills, ethical judgment, and dependable leadership. He stated that Mr. Jones is a trusted public servant who leads with integrity, treats others with respect, and is well-suited for positions of significant responsibility, noting that Prince George's County would be fortunate to have him as County Attorney.

Council Member Blegay made a favorable recommendation for Mr. Jones' nomination, noting a long professional relationship and describing him as a steady, objective attorney who consistently provides sound advice. She added that Mr. Jones's service at the highest level of federal government reflects his caliber and that the County Government is fortunate to have him. Council Member Ivey seconded the motion.

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted favorably 4-0 on the nomination of Mr. Anthony Jones as the County Attorney.